

St. George's Square parkette now a historical reality

The new St. George's Square on Hill Street in Corunna is now a reality. Its dedication celebration, held on May 23, attracted a huge crowd, including about 450 children comprised of students from Sir John Moore Community School, Col. Cameron Public School, and St. Joseph's Catholic School, and children from the Chippewa Daycare who treated the crowd to *Oh, Canada* sung in Ojibwa.

The event began with the stately parade of the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Corunna Branch 447 Col-

our Guard. Students filled the air with song and St. Clair Fire Department Chaplain Kevin McGlade blessed the site with a light-hearted presentation that underscored the special nature of the celebration. Dignitaries in attendance included: Lambton County Warden Kevin Marriott, MPP Bob Bailey, Aamjiwnaang First Nation Chief Chris Plain, and St. Clair Township Jeff Agar.



Below: School students from Corunna area schools watch as the St. George's Square dedication gets underway. They provided fantastic music for the occasion and participated in an event that will be remembered for generations to come.



Children from Chippewa Daycare sing *Oh, Canada* in Ojibwa.



Above: Canada 200 organizer and emcee Tracy Kingston reveals the handmade quilt made by the students of Sir John Moore school.



A huge mixed choir of Corunna school children belt out the song, "I'll Be There" for the crowd led by St. Joseph's School teacher Jen Brown Nead (top left) and her guitar.

Centre: Parade of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447 Colour Guard starts the celebration.

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Two new storyboards tell the tale of St. George's Square site



Two new heritage storyboards were unveiled during the May 23 celebration. The talented and knowledgeable volunteers of Heritage St. Clair developed them to tell the full story of the St. George's Square site.

The story didn't end with the land's brief moment as Canada's capital. It was also the site of the Erie and Huron Railway Corunna station. Through historical images and photographs, and well-researched copy, visitors to the new St. George's Square site will find out why the new parkette is such an important place.

Above Left: The St. George's Square storyboard is unveiled by two men who saw the original stone cairn unveiled in 1987. Charles S. Nisbet, left, was the reeve (mayor) of Moore Township from 1986 to 1992. He and his wife, Isobel, have been residents of Corunna all of their married life and currently live at

Thompson Gardens. **Right:** Jeff Hands witnessed the unveiling of the original stone cairn at the age of 13 after winning a Town Crier contest.

Above right: Mayor Jeff Agar lifts the cover off of the Erie and Huron Railway story board assisted by Anne Van Dyk, who is researching the Beresford side of her family.

Congratulations to the Corunna200 Committee and all of the businesses, organizations, and volunteers that helped to make this event such a success. Once again, this event has shown Corunna to be an all-for-one-and-one-for-all kind of community!

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- \$3,000** Your contribution will help with the beautification of St. George's Square which would have been the site of the parliament buildings.
- \$2,500** We want to give away **200 books!** A local author will be chosen to provide books and read to the kids.
- \$1,300** Be the one to provide a place for people to go!
Portable toilet rental.
- \$800** **Clown Around!** Magic show, animal balloons, games and limbo for the kids.
- \$600** **Mermaid Meet and Greet** Help bring the mermaids to dry land for this fun filled event.
- AMOUNT OF YOUR CHOICE** Every penny counts!
Any donation will be put to good use to help make the events a success.
- IN KIND** If you have a product or service that you can donate to help us make the event great, let us know!

All sponsors will be included in and featured in social media posts and on the website sponsorship page.
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Annual Moore Museum Victorian Tea pleases patrons' palates



The annual Victorian Tea at the Moore Museum is always a crowd pleaser, offering several flavours of warm scones served up with real butter and fruit preserves, and warm beverages served in delicate china cups. Museum volunteers make the event happen, working at close quarters in the heat of the 1860s era Reilley Cottage kitchen.

Left: Cutting generous wedges of delectable homemade scones and plating them for service at the prep table are, from left: Marg Griffith, Suzanne Hodgins, and Lynda Richardson. Right: The Garva sisters, Olivia, 18, Emily, 14, and Leah, 11, were kept busy in their role as serving staff.

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Sombra Museum and Moore Agricultural Society receive grants from *The Foundation*

The Judith and Alix Foundation (The Foundation) has advanced grants to Sombra Museum and the Moore Agricultural Society.

Sombra Museum will receive funds for the restoration of the Abraham Smith log cabin and the installation of interpretive signage.

The Moore Agricultural Society will receive funds to make accessi-

bility upgrades to the Multipurpose Building at the Brigden Fairgrounds.

The Foundation issues grants to help with worthy community projects. Over its 30 year history, the Judith & Alix Foundation has advanced over \$6 million to over 50 community projects like the purchase of portable bleachers for the Lambton Fairs Association.

Ontario Trillium Foundation grant funds digital information sign

The recent meeting of Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) representatives and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey celebrated the two Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grants the organization received in 2021. The funds were used for several projects, from the imposing digital information sign that now stands at the main gate to the Brigden Fairgrounds to the personal safety equipment used to keep staff and guests safe during the pandemic and rehiring of staff let go during the pandemic.

The sign is already beaming out information on upcoming events and activities slated for the fairgrounds, but it will also be used by MAS and other community agencies to bring awareness of activities and safety alerts to urban and rural residents.

"For nearly 175 years, the Moore Agricultural Society and the Brigden Fair have provided agricultural programs to enhance the quality of rural and urban life through positive community leadership. It is an honour to recognize their fine work through this OTF funding," said MPP Bob Bailey.



Right: Taking a moment to check out the new digital signage are, from left: MAS member Orrie Wigle, MPP Bob Bailey, MAS Past-President Malcom Rogers, MAS President John Scott, MAS Director Michelle Evanitski, Justin Cumming, and MAS member Duncan MacRae.

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